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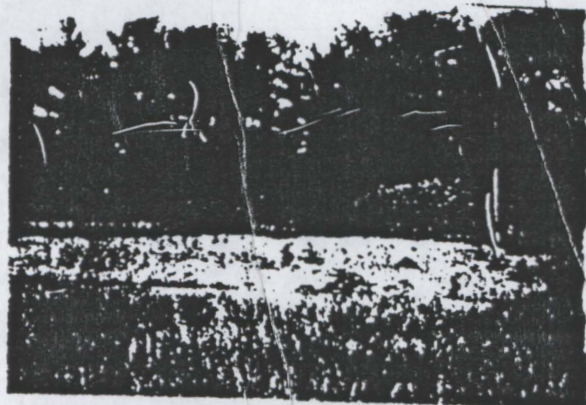
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QUESTIONABLE U.F.O. EVIDENCE.

Gun Dealer Held

By United Press International

A Queens gun dealer believed to have sold more than 1,000 handguns illegally in the last year was arrested yesterday after the police recovered a cache of guns in his mother's apartment, authorities said.

The dealer — William Knell, 27 years old, of 164-22 77th Road — had a license to deal in rifles and shotguns but was not licensed for handgun

EXPOSED!

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LIUFON NEWS.

The month of May was a very busy one for LIUFON. During this period LIUFON was able to launch a concerted drive to clear up the tremendous backlog in investigations that have accumulated this past year. At the end of the month more than half of some 47 outstanding cases were investigated. The backlog was more than cut in half.***** There is still a backlog, but it is not as heavy as before. As time goes on we will clear them all up. **** Because of the special issue this month, the regular features you have become accustomed to have been deleted somewhat. They will appear in June's issue and it will contain an expanded coverage of current investigations. ***** LIUFON has taken in two new investigators onto its staff. They are Buzz Eldridge and Leola Sutton. Welcome aboard. ***** Recently LIUFON Chairman John Ford was interviewed by the Bob Hieronimus Show out of Owings Mills, Maryland. The topic was, "Is Something Coming Our Way", based on the recent article in our previous newsletter concerning the story of the mysterious planetoid object in our solar system. The program was aired over some one hundred and eighty two radio stations in the U.S. and Canada.***** As a result, Bob Hieronimus has listed LIUFON as a permanent speaker with the 21st Century Radio Network. The public response to the show was very well received. ***** This past month Debbie and Barry Gellis have been airing re-runs of the programs LIUFON did with them. The inquiries from the City for membership applications from viewers have been very encouraging as a result. ***** The long awaited Journal has been finished. It has been nine months in the making and three times we were set to publish it when we had to rewrite the whole thing. It deals with the entire Moriches Bay U.F.O. Crash Investigation. It will be close to 42 pages long and will make up for the absence of the Journal this past year. LIUFON plans to have it published hopefully by late June or early July. It is in rewrite and proof reading right now and will soon be printed. The Journal's delay was due to the fast changing nature of the investigation this year and the continuing mechanical breakdowns experienced with our photocopier. ***** LIUFON continues to grow. Our Florida chapter recently mailed notification to all the Florida Police agencies of the existence of a U.F.O. Research organization in their area. This was a request for their agencies to refer calls to their newly established hotline. Kelly Freeman is doing a great job. ***** 30.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The last membership meeting was on May 31, 1991 at the South Country Library. It featured the second installment on the Billy Meir case. The next program and membership meeting will be on Friday, June 28th, 1991 at 6:30 P.M. at the South Country Library. It will feature the final installment of the Billy Meir Case and a brief discussion of the entire Case will be held after the meeting. The recent Channel 12 news clip on the organization will be played for the membership again at this meeting for those of you who missed it. The meeting is open to the public and the members with their guests. Please attend.

OPERATION LONG ISLAND SKYWATCH: The weekly sighting parties around Moriches Bay continue in an effort to photograph U.F.O. activity. Please call during the week for confirmation of that week's location for Skywatch duty.

U.F.O. SIGHTINGS: Members please refer all U.F.O. reports or newscipping of such in your area to the organization for investigation. Please have the parties involved call the Hotline number or forward the news article to the organization's Post Office Box. The report will receive your name as the sponsor of the report in any mention in the newsletter or journal.





AN EYE ON REPORT.

ISLAND SKY WATCH; EXPOSED !!!!

THE CASE AGAINST BILL KNELL !!!

This investigative report is presented to inform our members and readers alike as to the nature of this controversial organization and its leader, one Bill Knell. It is presented as a public service to inform the Long Island Community as to the true nature of this organization, its activities, direction and purpose under the sole leadership now of Bill Knell. Every so often as in any human endeavor, the unscrupulous and opportunistic exploit a field of human interest to promote themselves both financially and in the pursuit of public recognition at the expense and detriment of the innocent and sincere. This is the story of one such man and the organization he helped to found. It is the story of instant success, betrayal of the truth and motivation for profit. It is the story of Bill Knell.

In the last two years, the communities of Long Island were treated to the presence of a very interesting researcher who travelled the length and width of Long Island presenting extraordinary information concerning the subject of U.F.O.s. The local libraries were filled with accounts of his revelations and presentations on the subject of local, national and international U.F.O. sightings. People flocked to hear his presentations and hear his discourses on the mystery of modern U.F.O.s, while the news media gave full space to cover his latest reports on the subject. The radio and T.V. stations offered air time for his personal appearances, while local talk show hosts presented him on the air sometimes on a weekly basis for edification on the subject for an eager listening audience.

There was even a weekly Public Service television show chaired by the gentleman featuring the latest revelations by nationally known researchers. The show was widely received and followed by the viewing audience of Brookhaven Cable Television in the area of Eastern Suffolk County.

It seemed that the gentleman and his organization would prosper and succeed beyond the wildest hopes of its initial organizers. The prospect of public national recognition as a leading expert U.F.O. Researcher of the highest caliber would soon be achieved for this spokesman of a infant organization.

Yet today, Bill Knell and Island Skywatch lay in ruins. His name is discredited in many of the leading U.F.O. Research Organizations. He is deprived of the trust bestowed on him earlier by many of the leading researchers in the field who refuse now to share their finds with him for fear he would exploit them for his own financial rewards. The membership of Island Skywatch has shrunk to a mere fraction of what it use to be. Its leadership having over a year ago left in disgust and disillusionment due to the falsehoods portrayed as real U.F.O. Incidents by Bill Knell.

Hounded by lawsuits and legal judgements, Bill Knell has quietly removed himself from many of his old haunts on the Island while trying to prevent the public from learning of his decline.

Say he sold guns, ammo to 'anyone'

By DON GENTILE

A Queens man who paid \$10 for a federal license to purchase guns wholesale was arrested yesterday and charged with the illegal sale of 1,000 weapons and ammunition to "anybody that would buy them," police said.

"There are at least a thousand extra guns out there on the street because of him," Police Officer Steve Alu said of the suspect, William Knells, 27, of 43d Ave., Flushing.

Alu and Officers Joe Kelly and Bill Underwood of the street crime unit first became aware of Knells' gun business when they were assigned to Queens to investigate a reported rise in the number of guns in the Flushing area.

In nine days, the team arrested 10

persons with guns. Two of the guns seized were new weapons in their packing boxes with their serial numbers in sequence. "These were not stolen weapons," said Alu.

With information developed from those arrests, the cops traced the sale of the weapons to Knells.

SIX MONTHS AGO, Knells applied for and got a federal firearms license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, according to Alu. The license cost \$10.

A spokesman for the federal bureau said, "It's not that difficult to get the license... 220,000 people are licensed to purchase guns wholesale. If you don't have a criminal record or a drug problem, you can do it. Of course, state regulations on the purchase of guns vary."

Yesterday, Alu, armed with an arrest warrant from the Queens district attorney's office and posing as a UPS employee, delivered a shipment of 10 guns to Knells and arrested him.

Under questioning, Knells, who was charged with criminal sale and possession of weapons, said he had sold about 1,000 such weapons since Jan. 1, police said.

Has anybody seen British doc, 77?

Police yesterday appealed for help in locating a 77-year-old retired doctor from London who disappeared six days ago at Kennedy Airport, where he was waiting for a connecting flight to North Carolina.

John Harold Follows was last seen at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Pan American Terminal. Police said he had arrived from London and had transferred his baggage to the plane that would take him to North Carolina for a visit with his daughter.

Follows never boarded the flight. At the time he disappeared, he was wearing a gray suit, a dark green overcoat, a tweed hat and brown shoes. Anyone with information concerning his whereabouts is asked to call police at (212) 374-5000.

eyes probe plan

Background Investigations, beginning this year. Koch sought the change in policy and disclosures that Schools Chancellor Anthony Alvarado borrowed more than \$21,000 from an employee who was arrested last week on drug and weapons charges.

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Alu and Kelly were not denied their licenses.

LASSER FOUND that teachers with a possible loss of pension if they appeared before a disciplinary hearing panel that found against them being penalized "for exercising procedural and due process rights."

Attorneys for the New York State Teachers, the parent organization of the United Federation of Teachers, which argued the case, said regulations relating to police and fire department firing for cause might be voided by the decision as well. A teacher ordered reinstated was mentioned in court papers as Natalie, accused in 1979 of choking a child in her special education class.

In an exchange of letters with board president James Regan, Koch made no reference to the current probe of Alvarado's personal finances being conducted by the city Department of Investigation to determine if the employee, John Chin, was rewarded with promotions and extra pay for having loaned Alvarado the money.

A spokesman for the board said it would be inappropriate for the chancellor to comment on the pending change "since this is a matter for the board to decide."

SPECIFICALLY, Koch wants board officials to file Report of Financial Interest forms and Background Investigations Questionnaires required of all regular city employees. Neither Koch nor Regan would speculate as to whether Alvarado would have passed such a background check.

Meanwhile, the probe continued yesterday as investigators took custody of Chin's payroll records during the period he worked for Alvarado in East Harlem's District 4. Chin went from a teaching assignment to an administrative position while Alvarado served as district superintendent. Chin was transferred to central headquarters last January as assistant to the acting director of pupil personnel services.

This is a New York Daily News article dated March 6th, 1984 which details the arrest of Bill Knell for illegal gun sales to New York's criminal element. Over one thousand guns were sold by Bill Knell to any one who had the money. How many of these guns were used to hurt the innocent in violent crimes? This is the responsible U.F.O. investigator with twenty years of experience at his personal best! Would you allow him into your home to investigate your U.F.O. sighting?

Mr Knell has not denied the charges he was arrested for this crime.

His library talks have dwindled, his T.V. Show cancelled and publicity at a virtual standstill, Bill Knell has suffered the fate of lapsing into obscurity, while avoiding public attention to his many faults and misdeeds.

What caused this decline and what exactly happened to him in the past year is the topic of this expose. It will also show the public that while he made his rise to fame; he also laid the seeds for his own destruction by attempting to portray himself as something he is not. He was something entirely other than what the public perceived him to be.

BILL KNELL, HIS BACKGROUND.

William Knell was born on Long Island and raised according to his own admission in East Meadow. From all information, he appears to have been an only child. His father was a retired Naval Officer whose occupation is unknown. He has stated in the past that his father was in Naval Intelligence, but this can not be confirmed. His mother worked as a nurse and to appearances Mr. Knell had

Mr. Knell states that his investigation into the U.F.O. Phenomenon began when he was only ten years old. This occurred when he and his parents were at all places Jones Beach. There in an area a 100 Ft. North of the Parkway near the amphitheater, Bill Knell claims he discovered a U.F.O. landing circle. He further stated that at the time there were reports of U.F.O. landings in the area of Jones Beach. In a deduction, based on his inexperience as a ten year old, he deduced it to be a U.F.O. Landing Circle. What evidence existed to support this impression is not known, but it is typical of Mr. Knell to jump to conclusions. It is a habit he maintains to this date.

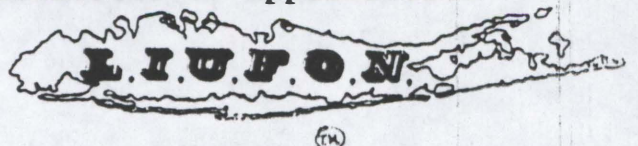
His family moved to Florida and briefly lived there from 1969 to 1973. During that time he maintains he had a U.F.O. land behind his high school in Gulfport, Florida. It made such a lasting impression on him that he helped form a U.F.O. Club at the school, which he maintains still is functioning. It appears that U.F.O.s always land where Bill Knell is, even at school.

In 1973, Bill Knell joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was able to qualify for M.P. School. During that time he claims he was trained in all areas of investigative work and intelligence gathering procedures, but it appears that he may not have finished the course. He is reported to have been a cook with the Base Mess Hall for the remainder of his career in the Marines. He claims he eventually reached the level of Sergeant which he held until he was discharged in 1975.

Upon his discharge, he enrolled for two years at Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Never completing his four year course of study, he returned to New York on the basis of homesickness, at least he claims. At this point he took up residence in Flushing, Queens.

During this time, he worked for three years in Loss Prevention (as a uniform guard) for Ogden Foods at Kennedy Airport. In 1980, he became a Security Supervisor for Burns Security out of their Queens Office. He was assigned briefly as a Guard to Mayor Koch from 1980 to 1982 (for what purpose, since this task is usually left up to the NYPD) for personal security. In the year of 1982, he was made a Security Director for Burns at the Fresh Meadows Complex where he worked until 1984.

During that time his interest in U.F.O.s continued as a hobby and also as a compelling interest. A story has surfaced that he stole a manuscript which had been written by former LIUFON Investigator Peter Barcello who at that time belonged to MUFON. Bill Knell had the investigative report published as a article in the MUFON Journal that year under his own name as author. This led to a confrontation with Mr. Barcello which left Knell the victim of a punch in the nose. It was the last time he stole any research material from Mr. Barcello. This story was repeated to LIUFON several times by Mr. Barcello in preparation for this report. It is printed here for your edification. It appears that Knell did not learn his lesson.



involving a Queens Man. He had a CEII, which turned out to be a CEIV event in Florida which left him in Mental Distress. His Family also had CEI, CEII and possibly CEIII encounters that intermingled with his. Sadly, I could not interest anyone in the UFO study "community" in his Case, despite the fact that he even had 8mm film of the CEII part of his experience! This left him and his Family out in the cold with regard to any possible therapy, and I've not heard from them since. But, I was able to help the Man overcome at least part of the Mental distress factor by bringing the experience to light.

I do not, for one moment, want to give you the impression that I am a UFO Investigator in a professional sense. I have only worked on a few cases and, again, simply apply normal Investigative techniques to these cases, as if they were any other matter that required an Investigation.

I also want you to know that, while I believe UFOs are real, I look at them as a real, physical phenomenon that needs to be studied far more before conclusions can be reached (although I feel they are probably of extra-terrestrial origin). I reject the NEW AGE MOVEMENT and it's connections with UFOs.

I have presented several Programs on UFOs, only from my experiences with the CEIV case I mentioned, and some Long Island investigations I've done involving Mouny Misery and the Mary's Grave incident. Neither were major Cases, but provided some interesting facts that now can be associated with present happenings. It's interesting to note that I pushed for an investigation of military flyovers, unmarked helicopters and strange radio signals on and around Mount Misery in 1978. Also, I found several bits of physical evidence of a military presence in that area during the 70's.

I am a Member of MUFON, but have not participated in any of their investigations because I've not been asked. I do have and have studied and agree with their Investigation Manual. I have only recently been interested in NYCUFON. I am not a Member, but attend their happenings.

I have limited, but useful, experience with regard to Photography. I use a Canon Sure-Shot 35mm Camera, Fuji 35mm Camera, Sony 8mm Video Camcorder and G.E. VHS Camcorder in my investigations. I also have available and use tape recorders, mini-recorders, evidence-collection materials, CB's, FM Transceivers and other helpful items in my work.

I am more than willing to be a team player and desire to get involved with your Group because I have long felt Long Island to be a major UFO sighting area. I believe that major UFO sightings have been on-going there since 1967.

This is part of a resume Mr. Knell submitted to LIUFON during his brief period of work as a investigator with LIUFON in order to be considered as an investigator trainee with the organization. This procedure, plus background checks and a personal interview is part of the extensive investigation applicants go through in order to be selected by our organization. Mr. Knell failed to mention his criminal record or his probation status in his resume.

His resume makes note that he has very little investigative experience in the area of Long Island or even with MUFON, N.Y. This is a far cry from the so-called twenty years of experience that he claims he possesses in investigating the phenomenon.



In 1984, Knell claims he became an independent Security Consultant upon leaving Burns Security. He also states that he gave up a position with advancement at Helmsly-Spear as an assistant security director, since it involved commuting to Manhattan.

It was around this time Mr. Knell married his wife Kathy and continued his interest again in U.F.O.s. He also embarked on a scam to make himself a lot of money and may be the reason he left Burns and did not take the job with Helmsly-Spear.

In January of 1984, the Flushing, Queens area was flooded with reports of a alarming increase in illegal handguns being confiscated on the street from dangerous, armed criminals. Many of the weapons were taken from persons who had just committed violent crimes with the weapons. Police Officers Joe Kelly, Steve Alu and Bill Underwood of the 106th Pct Street Crime Unit were assigned to investigate the rapid increase of weapons appearing on Flushing's Streets.

All the weapons confiscated from some 10 perpetrators of violent crimes were relatively new and of high quality. The weapons all had newly issued serial numbers and were checked through the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms of the U.S. Treasury to the manufacturers and their distributors. What turned up was the fact some of these weapons had been sold by distributors to one William Knell in Flushing, Queens. Treasury Department records indicated that Bill Knell had applied and received recently a Federal Firearms License to sell guns. This is apparently was what he was doing.

A Federal Firearms License permits a person to sell guns according to Federal and State Laws. It also requires the keeping of exact, meticulous records of the sale and disposition of any weapons, even personal ones owned by the dealer. It also requires the dealer to obey the law both Federal and State to whom one can sell such weapons.

Armed with an arrest warrant Police Officer Alu went to Knell's home on March 3rd, 1984 with a delivery of handguns for Mr. Knell. Posing as a United Parcel delivery man, the officer got Knell to sign for the package and with his police backup team quickly arrested Mr. Knell.

Mr Knell was subsequently arraigned and was indicted for his offenses. This was not before giving the Police a full confession and admitting to the illegal sale of over 1000 handguns to criminals and anybody who had the money. He subsequently entered a plea of guilty to the charges and was adjudicated a first time felony offender and was put on five years supervised probation.

This may explain the lost of his position with Burns and the subsequent status as a independent consultant. As a convicted felon, he could not obtain Bonding or a license in New York to be employed in his field.

No matter what anyone's sympathies maybe towards Mr. Knell and his research claims, the fact that he admitted to the crimes he committed only adds more guilt to his misdeeds. Mr. Knell by his greed and avarice added to the commission of many more crimes on the streets of Queens. It also added up to more innocent victims. It is totally inexcusable.

During this time. it must have been financially hard for Mr. Knell to earn a living, since his career was ruined in the security field. He must have sought other areas of employment or other areas of financial gain.

In fact, he did. It was around this time the home video craze was catching on and a lot of films were being offered for distribution on the home video market. Some of those films involved U.F.O.s.

Maybe, Bill Knell had found a new area to adjust his fallen income and to make money real fast.

KNELL'S EARLY U.F.O. INVESTIGATIONS.

The biggest come on Bill Knell has used for the last several years is that he has over twenty years of research in the U.F.O. Field as a investigator and researcher. This is quite impressive when one looks at the media hype he has dished out over the last two years.



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February 2, 1989

From: The Board of Directors
To: William Knell

Subject: Removal as Investigator and Expulsion
from Membership

The Board of Directors have drawn up a list of charges for your removal as investigator and expulsion as member which are as follows:

1. Issuing your address and phone number to witnesses on your business card instead of the organizations.
2. Instituting an advertisement on the Brooklyn Queens Cable network which included your phone number rather than the organization's number.
3. Issuing and altering official press release which included your number as the official number of the organization.
4. Handling press relations without authorization from the Board of Directors.
5. Contacting witnesses and instituting your own private investigations without notifying the Chairman or Board of Directors for approval.

John Ford
Chairman

Richard Stout
Vice-Chairman

Catherine Ford
Secretary/Treasurer

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This letter was the official notice of expulsion sent to Mr. Knell by the LIUFON Board of Directors. After using the organization for his own exploitation, the Board of Directors met after repeated complaints about him to expell him. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Knell has publicly stated he resigned from LIUFON because of personal problems with the organization. This as you the reader can see is a blatant lie.

Mr. Knell lies a lot about his background as you can see.

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The fact of the matter is Bill Knell has very little investigative experience. He may claim he has over twenty years of experience, but it is more like twenty years of his imagination.

The first investigation he participated in on Long Island concerned a possible U.F.O. landing site in the Mount Misery area of Huntington. The effort was undertaken with considerable leadership from a Dave Chestnut a more experienced researcher. Knell only assisted.

Knell claims after Mr. Chestnut left the metropolitan area he continued investigating new reports in that area. There is no evidence to support his claim, only his word which is not reliable.

He did investigate a reported U.F.O. abduction in Queens which stemmed from a Florida contact in the person's history. He claims the person was greatly assisted by his help and again, the public only has his word.

Over the years Bill Knell has not investigated that many U.F.O. incidents, either here on Long Island or the metropolitan area. His efforts have been isolated, sporadic and lacking any real depth or professional ability. This is according to his own admission in documents that L.I.U.F.O.N. has in its possession. Bill Knell is not a professional researcher. He is an amateur lacking any ability to conduct in depth investigations.

Mr Knell lacks any science background having for the most a general liberal arts education. He also lacks in his education both in the military and civilian life, any evidence of having completed any advanced, formal education.

Mr. Knell appears to have only the ability to be a private security guard and that was unsuccessful.

If Mr. Knell has such credentials to be considered a leading expert in the U.F.O. field, where are they ?

He has investigated a few cases on Long Island and some sightings in Queens. Most of these cases were not that spectacular or even noteworthy. This can be supported by his own admissions to this effect.

Where is his twenty years of experience ? Where are his credentials and his expertise ? The answer is he does not have them. If one wants to believe the hype that he has been investigating U.F.O.s since he was a ten year old, well then there is a bridge in Brooklyn that is for sale which you may be interested in.

BILL KNELL'S ASSOCIATION WITH L.I.U.F.O.N.

In April 1988, L.I.U.F.O.N. was formed by Richard Stout and John Ford in an effort to investigate mounting evidence of U.F.O. activity on Long Island. As a young organization it needed more investigators to help the investigate the influx of reports. The year of 1988 saw alone a 179 reports filed with the organization's Hotline.

In October, 1988, Mr. Knell applied for membership and there upon submitted application to be considered an investigator for L.I.U.F.O.N. On October 31st, 1988, after a lengthy interview and background check based on all the information supplied by Mr. Knell in his extensive resume, the Board of Directors considered Mr. Knell to be an investigator trainee with the young organization. He was put to work with other, more seasoned investigators researching L.I.U.F.O.N. Cases.

Upon becoming a L.I.U.F.O.N. investigator one must agree not to disclose confidential identities or to copy for personal use confidential records or recordings. In addition the person agrees that L.I.U.F.O.N. as a legally constituted non-profit corporation holds title to all investigative information pertaining to all investigations, including photographs, reports, and recordings. This includes investigators' notes on cases and all information reported to the organization. This is attested to in a signed contract with the organization which if broken by the investigator results in his removal and lost of membership.



This contract also calls for civil penalties and also the prospect of criminal charges if confidential material is stolen from the organization. These provisions may seem harsh to the observer, but it is called for if one needs to ascertain legal responsibility and liability in this society where lawsuits are filed like gumballs from a gumball machine. People can be hurt by disclosures pertaining to U.F.O. incidents in a skeptical world and where confidential identities are maintained along with personal information taken in confidence never to be disclosed, that trust must be maintained.

Mr. Knell's association with L.I.U.F.O.N. proved to be a brief one. He only investigated some eight cases for the organization and his investigative ability left a lot to be desired. Many of the other investigators in L.I.U.F.O.N. characterized his work as amateurish and superficial. He did not manifest a deep investigative ability and often jumped to quick conclusions.

He was also out for himself. Mr. Knell had ulterior motives for joining L.I.U.F.O.N., which would soon manifest themselves. It would lead to his expulsion from the organization.

Mr. Knell soon began to take advantage of a situation for his own aggrandizement. He proved to be un-cooperative and unwilling to work under supervision. The Director of Investigations, Ali-Hasidi, found him to be insubordinate and a discipline problem. On one investigation where L.I.U.F.O.N. maintained around the clock surveillance on an abductee's residence, Mr. Knell chased a Suffolk County Sheriff's unmarked car and was stopped and questioned by the Deputy. He was almost arrested. Upon questioning by his superiors in the organization, he lied about the incident and denied it ever happened. This denial was made even though it occurred in the presence of three other L.I.U.F.O.N. investigators.

Other infractions of rules and procedures were soon brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. He gave out his home address and phone number to witnesses instead of the organization's. He knew this was against the rules of the Network. He also began to conduct his own investigations into L.I.U.F.O.N. cases when he did not have permission from the organization since he knew L.I.U.F.O.N. held title to the information and he was under contract not to do so.

The most blatant acts he committed were done without L.I.U.F.O.N.'s knowledge and permission. He took copies of official press releases and issued them to the metropolitan media. This included a statement notifying the media he was the Queen's County Chairman of L.I.U.F.O.N. and advertising his home number as the official hotline of the organization. He also made application to Brooklyn-Queens Cablevision for a public service add on their community service announcements proclaiming his phone number as the Hotline number for Queens and himself as the County Chairman for L.I.U.F.O.N. He did this without the knowledge or permission of the Board of Directors or any legal authorization. He was never the County Chairman of Queens County for L.I.U.F.O.N. From all appearances Bill Knell was using the name and reputation of L.I.U.F.O.N. for his own purposes. Obviously, he wanted to use the publicity and the name of the organization to steal reports from the organization and to further himself.

By this time some 18 of the 22 investigators with the organization refused to work with him. The time had come for a decision to be made.

In addition, Rick Gowan, L.I.U.F.O.N. investigator had uncovered that Bill Knell ran a bootleg video business which he had never disclosed to L.I.U.F.O.N. on his resume. Rick is a professional insurance investigator with a major company and used his contacts to verify this.

On February 2, 1989, the Board of Directors met and expelled him as a member and an investigator from the organization. Bill Knell has lied about this ever since saying he left because he did not like the way the organization was run. He is mistaken about this for he was expelled for pulling a lot of frauds against the organization.



In the two years since the expulsion from the organization, L.I.U.F.O.N. has uncovered uncontestable evidence that Mr. Knell stole a quantity of confidential material including video recordings from the archives of the Long Island U.F.O. Network. These recordings which are confidential have been used by him for commercial purposes without the permission of L.I.U.F.O.N. or the witnesses involved.

In the same period, Mr. Knell has embarked on a purposeful campaign to smear the name and reputation of the organization in the research community. He has not stopped this effort even to the moment that this article is being written.

He has also undertaken to attack the character and reputation of the officers and some of the leading investigators of L.I.U.F.O.N. throughout the research community. He has done this in his newsletter and in his public talks.

He attacked the character and reputation of Dick Ruhl, nationally known and recognized U.F.O. expert, who is associated with L.I.U.F.O.N. He has attacked the religious beliefs of Mr. Ruhl who is a devote Christian. During the library talks that he has presented Mr. Knell characterizes Mr. Ruhl as a religious fanatic because of his devotion to his Faith. This is because Dick Ruhl has stated the U.F.O. Phenomenon may have a link to Biblical prophecy. Mr. Knell has jumped on this as an excuse to viciously attack this respectable gentleman.

This stems from the fact that Dick Ruhl when he organized the Vanderbilt Planetarium Show which L.I.U.F.O.N. participated in, was able to convince the Planetarium Director Gary Levine that Bill Knell was not a responsible researcher and should not be included in the program. Mr. Knell responded by attacking Mr. Levine by printing in his newsletter a smear that Levine wanted all speaker's fees kicked back to the Planetarium. This was a blatant falsehood. Although all speakers who appeared at the program were paid a small honorarium for their time, there were no kickbacks. Gary Levine, Director of the Planetarium, was furious at these allegations which were levelled at his public reputation.

The vicious attacks on L.I.U.F.O.N. and its research efforts continue to this date. Mr. Knell, however, is the one who has suffered, since his own character and research efforts has come under increasing scrutiny and ridicule.

In response to Mr. Knell's theft of L.I.U.F.O.N. records, the organization this past year has retained legal counsel. Plans are being made to file a massive Federal Copyright infringement lawsuit against Mr. Knell in Federal Court later this year. In addition, L.I.U.F.O.N. plans to seek criminal action against Mr. Knell with Federal authorities.

L.I.U.F.O.N. was not the only organization or researcher victimized by Mr. Knell. In the last two years, there have been dozens exploited by him and others slandered in his attacks.

When Mr. Knell left the organization, he immediately began to resume his own private research. In evidence uncovered recently it has surfaced that in the period after he left L.I.U.F.O.N., he gave several library talks using our name as the organization to which he was affiliated. He apparently never stopped attempting to exploit our reputation.

This report is not finished. The tale of Mr. Knell continues with his establishment of Island Skywatch and the Kissena Park U.F.O. Landing case which he faked. It will include more information on his activities and scandals associated with that endeavor.

PART II
ISLAND SKYWATCH EXPOSED !
THE CASE AGAINST BILL KNELL !

JUNE ISSUE OF: "THE LONG ISLAND U.F.O. UPDATE".





The Long Island Scene

**** The month of May was a very quiet month for sightings here on Long Island. Even though few reports came in, LIUFON was busy. ***** The case load is still heavy, mostly part of our backlog, so the month of May was spent catching up with the preponderance of back reports. **** One case in particular which had been reported to us in April 1990 which involved a Riverhead sighting in 1973 of a young mother and her three children was finally investigated. It involved a report of a domed disc which literally chased the family's car around Riverhead on this June evening in 1973 until it blocked their way on Mill Road in Riverhead. There the startled mother exited her car and observed the domed disc some forty feet away at a twenty foot altitude in front of the car's route down the street. After it flew away, she entered the car and was only to be confronted by her little daughter's remark that there had been another one behind their car about a hundred feet behind them. ***** This case was investigated by Ron Sierra, Frank Columbo, Tony West and John Ford. It involved the interviewing of the mother and daughter at their home in Riverhead. The two brothers were not present, but arrangements are being made to interview them at a later date. During the course of the interview, it came out that the daughter (now a young wife of 22) had an experience three weeks after the event in her bedroom. She related that a large grey mouse entered her room and awoke her to levitate her bed around her room. She was paralyzed and was unable to move during the episode. The daughter related the occurrence to her startled family the next morning and was quite frightened by the event. It has severely shaken her to this date. Also it was noted by the investigative team that the young woman showed signs of severe emotional trauma and was physically afraid to look at a reference manual of alien drawings used by the Network in investigating reports of this nature. She repeatedly refused to even glance at the manual and was almost on the verge of tears. The mother remarked the daughter has shown tremendous psychic powers after the U.F.O. event and that she has been a troubled young lady for years with deep emotional problems. The mother also informed LIUFON that both she and her daughter have had similar strange psychic events. **** The case has all the earmarks of a U.F.O. abduction with far reaching after effects which have been felt by the various members of the family for years afterwards. LIUFON plans to continue investigating the case, since interviewing the mother and daughter has brought up evidence of discrepancies in the events around the incident which would indicate lapse of memory or a period of missing time. **** LIUFON will keep you informed. **** The Manhattan Abduction Case was interviewed again on May 19th, by the team of Frank Columbo, Tony West, Gary Sudbrink and John Ford. The young woman has undergone three regressions with Bud Hopkins which has revealed that six of her pregnancies were terminated by the aliens and this would include the one substantiated by her medical records which are in LIUFON's custody. The medical records have been provided to a Medical Doctor for review to substantiate the evidence in the case. This case will be continually investigated and LIUFON will keep you informed as the case develops. ***** Remember keep watching the Sky !

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our apologies again for the late arrival and printing of the newsletter. The organization's photocopier has been down for the last three weeks, while LIUFON waited for the machine to be repaired.
